**From:** Christopher Williams
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**Subject:** RE: New Halsell Project
**Date:** Wednesday, February 18, 2026 1:08:00 PM
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Thank you.


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This is new to me, so I'm not the most informed on what to add to this discussion, but my first thought goes to parking in the area. Can we also make it so that any new building like this has a mandatory purchase of ALPR and CCTV cameras?


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Let me know your thoughts. I asked about how many feet are in between each building and it is approximately eight feet. They don't know how tall the fence will be or if it will be accessible.


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Hi Chiefs,

Please let me know if you have any comments on this one. It will also be routed to Fire as normal for development review.

Thank you,
Chenin

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**From:** David Rowlands <drowlands@cityofsantamaria.org>
**Sent:** Monday, February 16, 2026 11:04 AM
**To:** Chuen Wu <cwu@cityofsantamaria.org>; Chenin Dow <cdow@cityofsantamaria.org>
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The narrowness could cause a public safety issue. May want the police chief and fire chief to comment as well.


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The buildings are very boxy, and the spaces between the buildings appear very narrow, not allowing for much light and separation between the units.

Thanks for the heads up.

Chuen

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**From:** Chenin Dow <cdow@cityofsantamaria.org>
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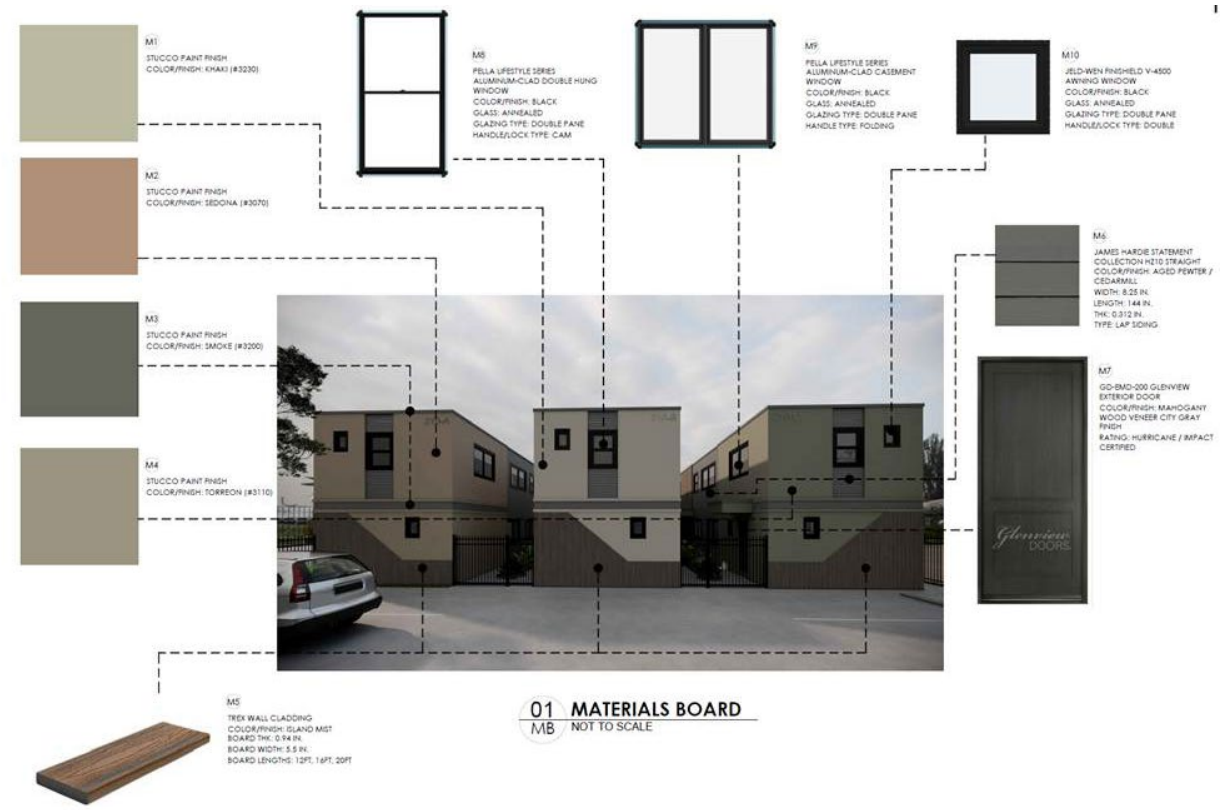
**Subject:** New Halsell Project

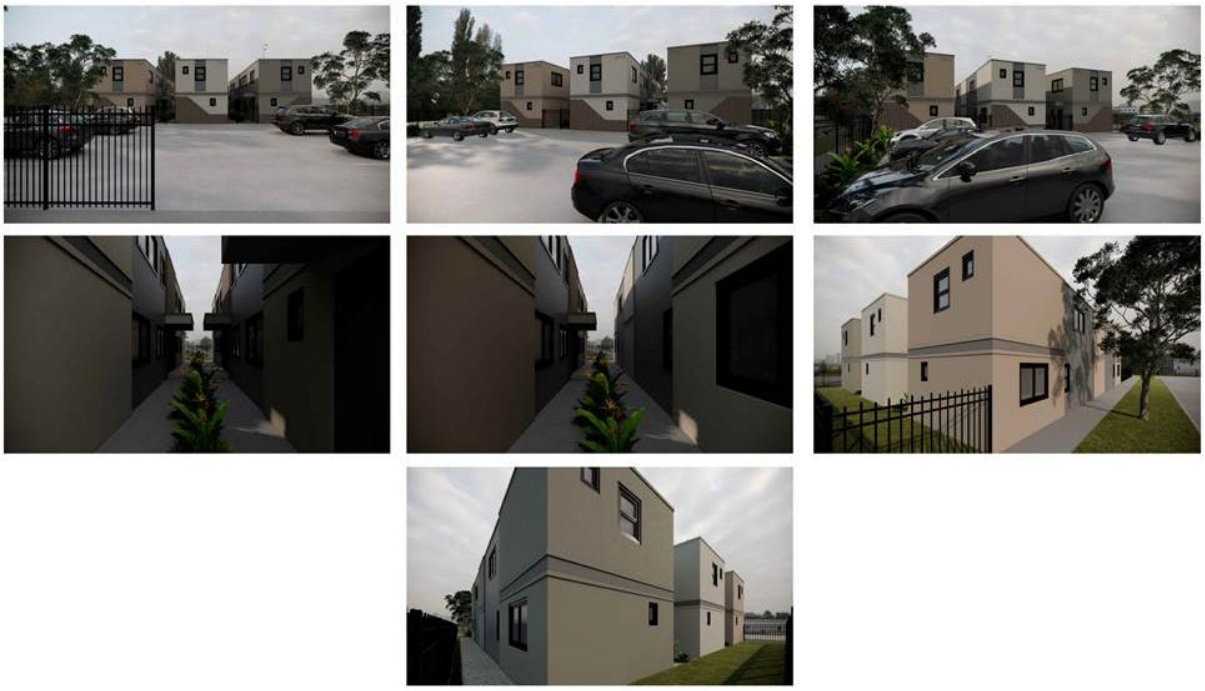
Good morning,

We received a submittal Thursday afternoon for a housing project at 210 N. Pine St. (below), in a vacant lot directly across from Machado Plaza. They are proposing 3 duplexes side-by-side, separated by narrow walkways.

We will be requesting significant changes to the design to bring it up to City standards. The consultant team referenced Mr. Halsell (we're not sure if it's Joe or a sibling), but I wanted to give you a heads-up as we frequently receive comments/inquiries from Council on Halsell projects.

Thank you,
Chenin





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